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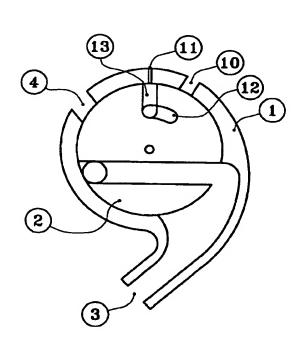
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### (54) Title: ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED ELECTROMECHANICAL VALVE



(57) Abstract: Electronically controlled electromechanical valve Electronically controlled electromechanical valve having at least three ports through which a fluid can flow and at least three different stable positions in which at least 2 ports are in fluid communication, said valve comprising - a stationary outer housing (1) comprising at least three bores (3,4,10); - a rotating inner section (2) which rotates about an axis (9) and comprises adequate bores defining with the bores of the housing, the at least three ports of the valve; and - an electrical actuating system being controlled by an electronic controller and being able to switch the valve from one position to another by rotating the inner section (2) about its axis (9). Fuel system vapor management unit including such a valve.

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